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Applicant: Harry A. Loder et al.

Examiner: Sung H. Pak

Serial No.: 09/643,333

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Dear Sir/Madam:

This Amendment is replies to the Final Office Action mailed December 17, 2002 in which claims 8-12 and 23-31 were rejected. Claims 8-37 are pending in the application, with claims 13-22 and 32-37 previously withdrawn from consideration. With this Amendment, claims 23 and 30 are amended.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 23 and 30 as follows:

8. A fiber optic connecting system comprising:
a backplane housing including a plurality of longitudinal receiving cavities wherein each receiving cavity has a frontal opening;
at least one folding door comprising a hinge plate formed integrally with a pair of biasing members to cover the frontal openings of a pair the plurality of receiving cavities, there being an intervening wall between the pair of receiving cavities; and
means for securing the hinge plate adjacent the intervening wall to provide attachment of the folding door to the backplane housing.
9. A fiber optic connecting system comprising:
a backplane housing including a plurality of longitudinal receiving cavities

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